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The above list is not complete, as it is confidently expected that other names of note will be added before the opening of the Fall Term, Sept. 17, 1890.

RULES FOR THE ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES

TO THE

NEW ENGLAND

DEACONESS HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

I. All applicants shall be received on at least three months' trial unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Managers. After serving satisfactorily on trial they may be admitted as probationers, provided it be their intention to ultimately seek admission into the office of Deaconess.

II. None shall be admitted as candidates who are more than forty or less than twenty-three years of age, except by vote of the Managers.

III. Candidates shall be required to furnish satisfactory recommendations from their pastors and the official boards of the church to which they belong, and a health certificate from a physician.

IV. Those admitted into a Deaconess Home shall consent to observe the established rules and regulations, and to abide by the decisions of the Superintendent, cheerfully giving all their time to the work assigned them.

Candidates are desired to furnish, if possible, their own bedding, especially blankets.

Any one desiring further information or blank applications, etc., should call upon or address the Superintendent, 45 East Chester Park, Boston, Mass.

Probationers and Deaconesses.

I. Probationers and Deaconesses may pay their own board or expenses either wholly or in part; or if not able, they are entitled to comfortable maintenance during their connection with the Home, in conformity with its regulations. The condition under which each shall be admitted shall be determined by the Committee on Applicants after full knowledge concerning her financial ability. Deaconesses becoming disabled either by sickness or the infirmities of age are entitled to support, if not otherwise provided for.

II. None shall solicit money unless duly authorized, and all donations and money received where service is rendered shall be paid into the treasury of the Home, to be applied toward the general expenses.

III. A simple uniform shall be worn, sufficient for protection and recognition in the work.

IV. The two years of continual service required by the Discipline shall be spent in careful training, taking the following course of study and reading: —

FIRST YEAR'S STUDY.

(*a*) For those not preparing to become trained nurses: —

English Bible, book by book. The Discipline. Catechism No. 3. Theological Compend. — *Binney*. Smaller History of the Bible. — *Smith*. Life of Christ. — *Stalker*. Bible Geography. — *Hurlbut*. Church History. — *Hurst*.

(*b*) For those preparing to become trained nurses: —

The Bible. The Discipline. Catechism. Physiology. — *Hutchinson*. Clara Weeks' Nursing Manual.

And the theoretical instruction prescribed by the faculty of any standard training school for nurses, together with practical work in the hospital wards, under the direction of the head nurse.

(*c*) Recommended to be read: —

The Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation. — *Walker*. How to Study the Bible. — *Moody*. Life of Elizabeth Fry. The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life. — *Smith*. Una and her Paupers. Compendium of Methodism. — *Porter*. Deaconesses, Ancient and Modern. — *Wheeler*. Deaconesses, Biblical, Early Church, European, American. — *Lucy Rider Meyer*.

SECOND YEAR'S READING.

(*a*) To be pursued by both classes: —

Life of Christ. — *Geikie*. Life of John Wesley. — *Watson*. Life of Sister Dora. Women and Temperance. — *Willard*. Women of Methodism. — *Abel Stevens*. Outline of the World's History. — *Swinton*. School History of the United States. — *Ridpath*. How We Live; or, the Human Body, and How to Take Care of It. The Bible, book by book.

(*b*) Recommended to be read: —

Ages Before Moses. — *Gibson*. The Mosaic Age. — *Gibson*. — Life of Paul. — *Conybeare and Howson*. Butler's Analogy. Deaconesses in Europe, and their Lessons for America. — *Jane M. Bancroft*.

Candidates for the Training School who do not propose to become deaconesses may be admitted on the same conditions, except that they will be required to pay their own board and expenses.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

In presenting this first Annual Report of the New England Deaconess Home and Training School to the public, its Officers and Managers desire to record their gratitude to Almighty God for the providential manner in which they have been guided and led from the beginning of this undertaking, and also to make grateful mention of the encouragement and support received from so many friends both within and without the pale of the denomination under whose special auspices the institution is organized and conducted. From the very inception of this new enterprise the blessing of God has seemed to rest richly upon it, and the sympathies of the Christian public to be turned toward it. As the result of these twofold helps, the end of the first year of organization finds us in possession of a fine property in perfect repair (upon which there is now a mortgage debt of only forty-five hundred dollars, bearing four per cent interest), with a well organized Home and Training School beneath its roof, presided over by a faithful and efficient Superintendent, and aided in its work by a number of competent volunteer instructors. As the institution enters upon the second year of its existence, the management feel assured that they can promise still greater advantages and facilities for preparation for their life work, to those who are contemplating missionary labor, either foreign or home, and especially to those who desire to consecrate themselves to the work and office of a Deaconess in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the work of teaching, the Superintendent will be aided by a corps of instructors, whose names will be found in another part of this Report, and will in themselves be a guarantee that the work undertaken by them will be ably and faithfully performed. In addition to this regular course of instruction, students will be favored with occasional lectures upon themes

bearing upon their work, by those who are acknowledged experts in their several departments. Special provision will also be made by hospital lectures, class work, and practical training for those desiring to take the Nurse-Deaconess Course. The programme of instructions and special lectures (with announcement of subjects of the latter) will be published in the *Zion's Herald* as soon as it can be perfected, so that friends of the Home may avail themselves of the privilege of attending if they so desire. From the above announcement it must appear to all that the New England Deaconess Home and Training School is no longer an experiment, but an established fact. Two things, however, are necessary, if it is to prove the power for good in our section which it ought to be.

First, It needs and must have the sympathy and generous financial support of all who desire to see its special lines of work successfully prosecuted in our towns and cities. It has no endowment, and no source of income except the voluntary contributions of its friends. While no salaries are paid to any of its teachers or workers, yet its household expenses must weekly be met, together with other necessary outlays which are inevitably connected with such a community life. These can only be provided for through the liberality of volunteer contributors. We therefore ask our friends to remember us generously from time to time, without waiting to be personally solicited. Contributions sent to the Treasurer (whose address appears in another part of this Report) will be thankfully received and promptly acknowledged. The other thing necessary to the success of our enterprise is, —

Second, The presence in our Home and Training School of consecrated women who are ready and anxious to prepare themselves for, and to prosecute the work of, a Deaconess. There are doubtless many women in New England who feel themselves called to just such work, and who only need to have their attention directed to the Home, to assure their services to the cause of Christ in this direction for years to come. We therefore invite the co-operation of Pastors and Christian workers throughout New England in securing to us available candidates

for this new and important office. With such co-operation upon the part of all lovers of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Deaconess Home and Training School is not only an assured success, but our common Christianity will feel the impulse and help which shall come from the consecrated labors of those who go out from or remain within its walls.

Wm. Nast Brodbeck,
President Board of Managers.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Board of Managers: —

In presenting this first Annual Report of the work of the New England Deaconess Home and Training School, I must remind you that we did not really begin work until Jan. 1, 1890, and of the eight ladies whose work is reported below, three have been with us less than one month.

The work for the six months ending June 30, 1890, is as follows: —

Number of religious calls made	1,799
Number of opportunities for prayer	376
Number of opportunities for reading Bible	125
Number of tracts distributed	975
Number of Bibles distributed	6
Number of books, etc., distributed	61
Number of garments distributed	215
Number of bouquets distributed	233
Number taught in Sunday schools	565
Number taught in industrial school	183
Number of mothers' meetings held	10
Number of days spent in nursing	42
Number of hours spent in class-room	302
Number of days spent in special work	7
Number of missionary and other meetings addressed on Deaconess work	15

This report gives simply the bare facts concerning the work of our Deaconesses, but if it were possible I should like to set

before you in detailed form some of the visible results accomplished; the entire results can only be known when "the books are opened" in the day when all things are revealed. I will only refer briefly to a few instances as specimens of some of the lines in which we work.

At the Merrimac Street Mission, as you know, a Sunday School, Industrial School, and Mothers' Meeting have been organized in a locality greatly needing these lines of work. Many scholars have been gathered into other Sunday schools; several of our workers have aided in the establishment of a Chinese Sunday School at Grace Church; and many poor families have received practical, as well as spiritual aid. Several of "God's suffering ones" have been tenderly ministered to during their last days on earth, bearing the testimony before "going home" that they had been brought nearer to the Lord, as well as having been made more comfortable, through the services of the Deaconesses attending them.

One family, found almost destitute during the winter, where the mother was praying to the saints, and the father spending his small earnings in drink, is now rejoicing in a wonderful change. The mother finds blessed comfort in direct communion with her Lord, the little children have been taught to pray, and the father is beginning to trust in Divine help to overcome appetite. In another instance, the mother a short time ago was bitter and out of harmony with all religious influence, but is now sweetly trusting in her Heavenly Father, even though He has seen fit to take to Himself the dear little household treasure.

Other families have been restored to the Church, when they had lost all interest and had wandered from the Father's House, but needing only the kind sympathy and earnest entreaty of a consecrated heart to win them back to the fold. Many church letters have been secured, whose owners had neglected to present them, and had come to feel that they were uncared for, and were in danger of losing all interest in better things. One sister, now happy in church relations, said, when our Deaconess found her, that in all her trouble she had felt until then that the Lord was her only friend. Another, who recently was facing death with

stolid indifference, is now looking forward to it as a happy release from suffering, and as the gateway to the bliss beyond.

We received a letter from a brother in the country, who desired us to look after his sister, who he felt was in danger through the manifold temptations of city life. I desire any one who knows of similar cases, to inform me concerning them, and they will be aided in every possible way.

These are only a few of the many instances that might be given, showing that the blessing of God attends our workers in their ministrations to both body and soul of those whom they visit. And, like our blessed Lord, we often find it necessary to give physical aid before we can touch the spiritual nature; and to do this, we must appeal to our friends to aid us with supplies of clothing, provisions, or anything that will in any way minister to our needy people. May I suggest, too, that when our friends send us packages, they kindly prepay express charges. This is not a great deal for each one to do, but the aggregate of these charges would make a serious draft on the treasury of the Home. Let me request, also, that the packages be sent to the care of the Superintendent, and marked whether they are to be used in the Home or taken to the poor.

The last item in above statement of the work of the Home indicates to you that opportunities for presenting our work have been accepted, in order to secure the co-operation which cannot be expected until the public become informed in regard to it; and permit me here to say that churches or missionary societies desiring to know of the Deaconess Movement should communicate with the Superintendent, so that some one from the Home can be sent for this purpose.

Friends are cordially invited to visit the Home, and Friday afternoons I shall be "at home," and shall always be pleased to give any information desired concerning the Home and its work. Arrangements will be made for any who desire to attend the recitations, lectures, etc., as day students, and the Superintendent invites free inquiry on this or any other department of the work.

In reporting the work of the past six months, during which we have all been so wonderfully blessed by our Heavenly Father, I

cannot close without expressing our sincere gratitude to the kind friends who have so generously cared for our Home, and have aided us so greatly by their donations for our poor people; also to Dr. Steele, Dr. Brodbeck, Dr. Clark, and Miss Effie Jones, for their valued assistance in the pursuance of our course of study; to Dr. J. W. Cushing for his efficient aid as Medical Examiner; to Miss I. J. Brooks for her kind help in securing experience for our nurses; and, personally, I desire to sincerely thank the members of the Board of Managers for their uniform kindness and courtesy; also the members of the Home for their faithful work so cheerfully rendered; and Mrs. Whelen, who, by her efficient management as Matron, has made it possible for me to have time for class-work and other duties.

In closing, I can only repeat what I said in response to your call for me to return as Superintendent next year, that I will, by Divine help, serve you to the best of my ability, believing that I shall have not only your support, but your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. LUNN, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

ISABELLA A. CUSHING, *Treasurer*, in account with New England Deaconess' Home and Training School, for year ending May 20, 1890.

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To Donations	$4,627.47	
Work of Deaconess	10.00	
Rent	240.00	
Board	120.00	
		$4,997.47

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By Articles of Incorporation	$5.00	
Repairs on house	1,138.03	
Furniture	317.78	
Payment on house	2,593.00	
Interest	166.00	
Insurance	32.80	
Water tax	13.95	
City taxes	96.75	
Postage, stationery, and printing	41.15	
Clothing for Deaconesses	45.40	
Fuel and lights	24.46	
Housekeeping	160.08	
Travelling expenses Superintendent and Deaconesses	92.69	
Balance on hand	270.38	
		$4,997.47

Audited, and found correct.

WARREN P. ADAMS, *Auditor.*

DONATIONS.

CASH.

N. E. Conf. W. H. M. S.	$150.00
Mrs. Watson Avery	10.00
Mrs. B. D. Whitcomb	25.00
Mrs. Charles W. Pierce	500.00
Taunton	.50
Mr. J. D. Flint	100.00
Mrs. E. Sleeper Davis	200.00
Mr. Charles Woodbury	500.00
Mr. O. H. Durrell	50.00
Mr. A. R. Whittier	100.00
Mrs. E. A. Higgins	100.00
Mrs. Neal	4.00
Mr. J. E. Freeman	5.00
Mrs. Williams	1.00
Miss E. F. Pierce	25.00
Rev. W. N. Brodbeck	75.00
Mrs. H. E. Whelen	50.00
A Friend	5.00
Cash	5.00
Mr. George E. Atwood	45.00
Mr. M. N. Cobb	10.00
Mr. R. B. Brigham	10.00
Mr. A. A. Lawrence	50.00
Mr. L. Nichols	10.00
Mr. George Frost	10.00
Mr. T. O. Callaghan	5.00
Mr. D. Nevins	10.00
Mr. Jonathan A. Lane	10.00
Miss S. D. Pettingill	1.00
Mr. I. Frank Woodbury	25.00
Miss P. J. Walden	15.00
Mr. F. F. Morton	10.00
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Mrs. W. E. Huntington	25.00
Dr. W. P. Cook	5.00
Mr. A. G. Weeks	10.00
Mr. J. Poggi	5.00
Mr. R. H. Knights	1.44
Mr. R. Sankey	5.00
Mr. W. H. Brine	5.00
Mr. John L. Bremer	25.00
Mr. John P. Spaulding	100.00
Mr. H. Sawyer	15.00
Mrs. V. A. Ballard	1.00
Dr. G. H. Peirce	5.00
Miss Roswell	2.00
Mr. J. Babb	1.00
Given Miss Thoburn	1.50
Mr. W. A. Corson	100.00
Miss H. Sawyer	5.00
Cash	1.75
Dr. J. W. Cushing	25.00
Mrs. J. Burgess	1.00
Mr. W. H. Chadwick	25.00
Miss Gower	1.00
Mr. H. L. Pierce	100.00
Mr H. O. Houghton	100.00
Mrs. O. H. Durrell	100.00
Dr. R Greene	100.00
Wilson & Larrabee	15.00
	$3,432.19

Amount brought forward.	$3,432.19
Mr. G. R. Fiske	1.00
Dr. C. E. Miles	10.00
Cash	5.00
Mr. F. Smith	5.00
Cash	5.00
Mr. Lewis R. Speare	50.00
Mr. H. S. Lawrence	20.00
Mr. C. G. Beale	20.00
Mrs. E. N. Kimball	5.00
Mrs. A. Ross	5.00
Miss Susan Shaw	5.00
Dr. Packard	10.00
Mr. Martin	5.00
Mr. D. K. Reed	10.00
Cash (Quincy)	25.00
Mr. E. H. Dunn	25.00
Cash	5.00
Miss Punchard	1.00
Mrs. Rothwell	15.00
Mr. G. F. Washburn	10.00
Mrs. Robinson	1.00
Mrs. George P. Cox	100.00
Miss Waite	5.00
Mrs. A. K. Ladd	25.00
Mrs. Josephine Ladd	25.00
Mr. Benjamin Lane	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Teele	20.00
Mr. John Blakemore	10.00
Mr. Jos E. Woolson	100.00
Rev. J. Wagner	5.00
Rev. George Skene	5.00
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Rev. W. T. Perrin	1.00
Cash	1.00
Cash	2.00
Mr. William Noble	5.00
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Mr. J. W. McLean	5.00
Rev. W. I. Haven	25.00
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Mr. J. W. Lane	5.00
Mr. F. J. Rowe	2.00
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Dr. G. S. Chadbourne	25.00
A reader of *Zion's Herald*	100.00
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Rev. G. A. Crawford	25.00
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Mrs. L. Flanders	5.00
Whitefield, N.H.	2.00
	$4,470.47

Amount brought forward	$4,470.47
Bishop W. F. Mallalieu	5.00
Maine	2.00
Cash	1.00
A Friend, Vt.	5.00
Watertown	2.00
Dr. Anna D. Bryant	5 00
Mrs. A. E. Lee	1.00
Cash	1.00
Ex-Gov. Claflin	10.00
Mr. W. O. Grover	25.00
Mrs. Charles Butler	10.00
	$4,537.47

Amount brought forward.	$4,537.47
Mrs. Feyhl	1.00
Mr. F. B. Webster	10.00
Mrs. Clark	1.00
Miss E. A. Gordon	1.00
Miss McGregor	5.00
Mr. Hanck	1.00
Mr. H. Damon	1.00
Prof. Bragdon	50.00
Miss Chamberlayne	5.00
Miss Carpenter	10.00
Mrs. H. Spear	5.00
	$4,627.47

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MEMBERS OF THE HOME FOR 1889-90.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the New England Deaconess Home and Training School, incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be a sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to the New England Deaconess Home and Training School, incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts (describe land, etc.), and to their successors and assigns forever.